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(WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27)

BEGIN TEXT. QUOTE:

Secretary of State Kissinger has informed the President of the following:

1. The Secretary of State is authorized by the Government of Syria to transmit to the Government of Israel a list of the total number of Israeli prisoners of war now held by the Government of Syria. There are 65 (sixty-five) names on the list.

2. The Government of Syria has agreed that Red Cross visits to the Israeli prisoners of war it holds shall begin on the morning of March 1. The Government of Israel will give its ideas on disengagement of Syrian and Israeli forces to the Secretary of State on March 1 for transmittal to the Government of Syria. The Secretary of State will personally take those ideas to Damascus. UNQUOTE. END TEXT.

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